

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats having a first aspect ratio, comprising:

determining a first printable image portion in the input digital image for a first print format having a first aspect ratio;

determining a second printable image portion in the input digital image for a second print format having a second aspect ratio different from the first aspect ratio; and

displaying a common printable image portion of the input digital image based on the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion, wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format or the second print format.

~~— a) — providing a print format having a second aspect ratio different from the first aspect ratio;~~

~~— b) — calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for the print format; and~~

~~— c) — displaying the printable image portion of the digital image for preview prior to printing an image print at the print format.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first printable image portion in the input image includes is determined based on the first aspect ratio.

~~calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for the print format includes calculating the first aspect ratio of the input digital image.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the second printable image portion in the input image includes is determined based on the second aspect ratio.

~~1, wherein calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for the print format includes calculating the second aspect ratio of the print format.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the common printable image portion of the input digital image based an overlapping image area between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion.

~~wherein calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for the print format includes calculating the a maximum printable image portion of the input digital image for the print format.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the common printable image portion of the input digital image by determining one or more unprintable image portions in the input digital image.

~~1, wherein calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for the print format includes calculating one or more unprintable image portions in the input digital image.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a maximum area of the first printable image portion in the input digital image.

~~wherein the calculated printable image portion of the input digital image is smaller than the input digital image.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a position for the common printable image portion in the input digital image for displaying.

~~wherein the location of the printable image portion of the input digital image is selectable within the input digital image for preview prior to printing the image print at the print format.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising defining a default position for the common printable image portion in the input digital image for displaying.

~~wherein the default location of the calculated maximum printable image portion of the input digital image aligns with the input digital image at the upper left corner of the input digital image.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising producing an image print based on the common printable image portion of the input digital image.

~~The method of claim 1 further comprising~~

- ~~d) — providing the printable image portion of the input digital image to a digital printer; and~~
- ~~e) — printing the image print at the print format by the digital printer.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the input digital image includes an image border defining a viewable image portion of the input digital image within the image border.

- ~~A method for producing a preview image for printing an image print at one of a plurality of print formats in response to an input digital image, comprising~~
- ~~a) — providing a plurality of print formats for printing the input digital image;~~
 - ~~b) — calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for each print format;~~
 - ~~c) — determining a common safe preview portion of the digital image for all print formats; and~~
 - ~~d) — displaying the common safe preview portion of the digital image for preview prior to printing the image print.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting an image border for the input digital image, wherein the image border defines a viewable image portion in the input digital image.

~~The method of claim 10, wherein calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for each print format includes calculating the aspect ratio of the input digital image.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats, comprising:

determining a first printable image portion in the input digital image for a first print format having a first aspect ratio;

determining a second printable image portion in the input digital image for a second print format having a second aspect ratio different from the first aspect ratio;

determining an overlapping image portion between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion;

selecting a position for the common printable image portion in the input digital image for displaying; and

displaying the common printable image portion of the input digital image based on the overlapping image portion, wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format or the second print format.

~~The method of claim 10, wherein calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for each print format includes calculating the aspect ratio for each of the provided print formats.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the computer processor is configured to determine the common printable image portion of the input digital image by calculating a maximum area for the common printable image portion in the input digital image.

~~The method of claim 10, wherein calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for each print format includes calculating the maximum printable image portion of the input digital image for the print format.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the computer processor is configured to determine the common printable image portion of the input digital image by determining one or more unprintable image portions in the input digital image.

~~The method of claim 10, wherein determining a common safe preview portion of the digital image for all print formats includes calculating the overlapping area of the maximum printable image portions of the digital image for all print formats.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the computer processor is configured to determine an overlapping image area between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion.

~~The method of claim 10, wherein the common safe preview portion of the input digital image is smaller than the input digital image.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the computer processor is configured to set a position for the common printable image portion in the input digital image.

~~The method of claim 10, wherein the location of the common safe preview portion of the input digital image is selectable within the input digital image for preview prior to printing the image print at the print format.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, further comprising an computer device configured to allow a user to select an image border for the input digital image, wherein the image border defines a viewable image portion in the input digital image.

~~The method of claim 10, where in the default location of the common safe preview portion of the input digital image is set at the upper left corner of the input digital image.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, further comprising a printer configured to produce an image print based on the common printable image portion of the input digital image.

~~The method of claim 10 further comprising~~

- ~~— e) — selecting one of the plurality of print formats;~~
- ~~— f) — providing the printable image portion of the input digital image for the selected print format to a digital printer; and~~
- ~~— g) — printing the image print at the selected print format by the digital printer.~~

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26. (Currently Amended) A system for producing a preview image for printing an image print at a plurality of print formats in response to an input digital image, comprising:

a computer processor configured to determine a first printable image portion in the input digital image for a first print format having a first aspect ratio and to determine a second printable image portion in the input digital image for a second print format having a second aspect ratio different from the first aspect ratio; and

a display device configured to display a common printable image portion of the input digital image based on the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion, wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format or the second print format.

- ~~a) one or more digital printers capable of printing the input digital image at a plurality of print formats;~~
- ~~b) a computer apparatus for calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image for each print format and determining a common safe preview portion of the digital image for all print formats; and~~
- ~~c) a display device adapted to display the common safe preview portion of the digital image for preview prior to printing an image print at one of the print formats.~~

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the computer processor is configured to determine a first printable image portion in the input image includes is based on the first aspect ratio.

~~computer apparatus provides the printable image portion of the input digital image for the selected print format to the digital printer so that the image print can be printed by the digital printer at the print format.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the computer processor is configured to determine a second printable image portion in the input image includes is based on the second aspect ratio.

~~further comprising d) a digital printer for printing the image print at a selected print format based on the common safe preview portion of the digital image.~~